

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/625,106

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/05/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 5-23.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/18/07, 03/26/07
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

This is response to amendment filed 04/05/07.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 01/18/07 and 03/26/07. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5-23 are allowed in light of the applicant arguments and in light of the prior art made of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record failed to disclose: make obvious, or otherwise suggest a control system, apparatus, a method and a computer-readable storage medium and a program executed by a computer to control apparatus comprising management means for managing the occurrence count of each item in the supplemental information, wherein the selection means selects program regarded by the management means as having a high occurrence count as recited in claims 1, 2, 6-8.

The dependent claims 3, 5, being further limiting to the independent claim 2 definite and fully enable by the specification are also allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record failed to disclose: make obvious, or otherwise suggest A control apparatus for controlling an information processing apparatus, comprising: control means for controlling the information processing apparatus to perform the particular process when the timing condition stored in the storage means in relation to the identification information accepted by the input acceptance means is met as recited in claims 9, 14, 15, 16.

The prior art of record failed to disclose: make obvious, or otherwise suggest control apparatus, a method and a computer readable storage medium and a program executed by a computer for controlling an information processing apparatus, comprising: presentation means for presenting information to a user to prompt a user to select whether the same process as the process described in the operation history stored in the storage means is performed by the information processing apparatus when the timing condition described in the operation history is met, wherein the operation stored in the operation history is dependent on a weighting factor which is dependent on a timing of user actions as recited in claims 17 , 21, 22 and 23.

The dependent claims 10-12, 18-20, being further limiting to the independent claims 9 and 17 definite and fully enable by the specification are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cindy Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4025. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on 571-272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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